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REF: HANDBOOK 10 - PARTICIPANT TRAINING, CHAPTER 17 (17B)

1. ROLE OF UNIONS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WILL BE THE THEME OF THE NEXT STUDY PROGRAM FOR LABOR LEADERS SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS. THE PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR AID BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S TRADE UNION EXCHANGE PROGRAMS DIVISION FROM SEPTEMBER 12 TO OCTOBER 10, 1977.

2. PURPOSE

THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR HIGH LEVEL MEN AND WOMEN LABOR LEADERS OF TRADE UNIONS, WITH SIGNIFICANT ROLES IN LDCS, ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE LABOR POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY.

THIS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LABOR LEADERS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND TRADE UNIONS AS PRACTICED IN A DEMOCRATIC AND PLURALISTIC SOCIETY. THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THE UNITED
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STATES INVOLVING BOTH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND STATE GOVERNMENTS WILL BE REVIEWED.

THE PROGRAM WILL COMPLY WITH AID OBJECTIVES AND THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE FOR STRENGTHENING FREE TRADE UNIONS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC LABOR PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

3. ORIENTATION

ONE WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR BRIEFINGS ON THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES. VISITS WILL BE MADE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN AID AND STATE, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY AGENCY HEADQUARTERS, THE AFL-CIO AND SELECTED AFFILIATED UNIONS, AS WELL AS AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT AND ASIAN AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE. AFRICAN AMERICAN LABOR CENTER WILL BE VISITED IN NEW YORK.

4. CLUW CONFERENCE - (3 DAYS)

PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN (CLUW). THIS CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO RELATE THE THEME OF THIS PROGRAM TO THE ACTIVITIES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE. PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AND OBSERVE THE WORKSHOPS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE.

5. SEMINAR

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SPECIAL SEMINAR CONDUCTED BY AN INSTITUTE OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AT A MAJOR UNIVERSITY. INSTRUCTORS AND DISCUSSANTS WILL BE DRAWN FROM SEVERAL DISCIPLINES, SUCH AS ECONOMICS, SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE- PROFESSIONAL TREATMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SUCH TOPICS AS CONSTITUTIONAL AND HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM, HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON TRADE UNION PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS; AN ANALYSIS OF PLURALISM IN THE U.S. SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS; ISSUES IN ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND HOW THEY ARE VIEWED BY TRADE UNIONS AND SPOKESMEN FOR OPPOSING VIEWS; HOW TRADE

UNION POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IS ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED; THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS; HOW TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO LAW MAKERS WHEN LABOR LEGISLATION IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ENACTMENT. MAJOR EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON DEVELOPING INFORMATION, UNDERSTANDINGS AND INSIGHTS THAT LABOR LEADERS MAY DRAW UPON WHEN FORMULATING POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTION PROCESSES.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND AN INSTRUMENT FOR ATTITUDINAL CHANGE, ORIENTED TO THE CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

RESPONSIBLE LABOR UNIONS CAN HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CREATING A MORE EMPLOYABLE AND PRODUCTIVE LABOR FORCE. EMPHASIS THEREFORE WILL BE PLACED ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF WELL-INFORMED AND MOTIVATED LABOR LEADERS WHO WILL ACT AS CATALYSTS TO STIMULATE THEIR UNION ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHERS TO POSITIVE ACTION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

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6. FIELD TRIP

APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS WILL BE RESERVED FOR FIELD TRIPS TO SELECTED AREAS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ON-SITE OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. UNION LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS COMPETENT IN OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. A PORTION OF THE FIELD TRIP PROGRAM WILL BE DEVOTED TO VISITS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN LIFE. DURING THE FIELD TRIP, THE GROUP WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE HOW U.S. UNIONS PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF A VIABLE AND FORCEFUL LABOR POLICY.

7. LANGUAGE

INTERPRETER SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SPANISH AND FRENCH-SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS PROVIDED THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS REQUIRE THIS SERVICE.

8. FINANCIAL DATA

THIS IS A NON-ACADEMIC PROGRAM FOR HIGH-LEVEL LABOR LEADERS. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE FUNDED ACCORDING TO THE ESTIMATED COST SCHEDULE PROVIDED IN HANDBOOK 10, CHAPTER 12: 1600 DOLS (M/M) FOR NON-ACADEMIC TRAINING, PLUS ADDITIONAL CONTINGENT COSTS OF INTERPRETER SERVICES, 600 DOLS (M/M); OF ESCORT SERVICES, 600 DOLS M/M. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE COSTS. SER/IT WILL CALCULATE ACTUAL COSTS OF EACH PROGRAM AND REDUCE OR INCREASE THE PIO/P TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT BEFORE AUTHORIZING AND ISSUING FINAL PIO/P IN AID/W. MISSIONS, DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE BUT UNABLE TO PROVIDE FUNDING, ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE OLAB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OLAB FUNDS, OBLIGATED UNDER AN AID/W-OLAB-ISUED PIO/P MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR ONE APPROVED CANDIDATE FROM A MISSION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. THE FEW GRANTS AVAILABLE

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UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT COVER ECONOMY CLASS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, PER DIEM AND ALL U.S. PROGRAM COSTS.

9. NOMINATION PROCEDURES

A REQUEST FOR A WAIVER TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WITH OLAB FUNDS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHIC

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, AS EVIDENCED BY GEOGRAPHIC AA CLEARANCE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING REASONS WHY A WAIVER IS NEEDED:

A) IN LDCS, UNIONS DO NOT HAVE FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL; GOVERNMENTS ALSO GENERALLY HAVE NO SUCH FUNDS FOR PERSONS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

B) IN INSTANCES WHEN AN LDC GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO SUBSIDIZE TRAVEL OF NON-GOVERNMENT PEOPLE, LABOR LEADERS ARE USUALLY MOST RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT SUCH A SPECIAL FAVOR FOR FEAR IT MIGHT INVOLVE A POLITICAL DEBT.

C) ONE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO STRENGTHEN FREE TRADE UNIONISM IN SOCIETIES WHERE NON-GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES ARE WEAK. REQUIRING GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP OF A LABOR LEADER'S TRAVEL CAN UNDERMINE A BASIC PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

THROUGHOUT ALL OF AID'S EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS THAT OF ITS PREDECESSOR AGENCIES, GRANTS FOR TRAINING OF LABOR LEADERS IN THE U.S. HAVE ALMOST ALWAYS INCLUDED THE PAYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. FOR THIS AND THE ABOVE CITED REASONS, OLAB'S CURRENT LABOR PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY AID/W WITH FUNDS FOR SUCH TRAVEL.

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10. IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUESTED

RESERVATIONS MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 1977 AND NOMINATIONS WITH BIO-DATA SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS AUGUST 26, 1977 AFTER WHICH SELECTION WOULD BE MADE AND THE MISSIONS ADVISED ON/OR BEFORE AUGUST 30.

11. THE PROGRAM IS OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN ON AN EQUAL BASIS. THE NOMINATION OF WOMEN CANDIDATES IS ENCOURAGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PERCY AMENDMENT

AND AGENCY POLICY AS SET FORTH IN PD 60, HANDBOOK 2 - PROGRAMMING, PLANNING AND BUDGETING, SUPPLEMENT B 4).
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